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SY CHANNEL, FOR CPOIC SPECIAL SEABEE TEAM, RSO

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TAGS: ASEC NSU

SUBJECT: CAPSULE HISTORY OF NSU

1. SEABEES HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB FOR THE DEPT OF STATE SINCE SUMMER OF 1964. THE INITIATION OF A PROGRAM OF SEABEE SUPPORT WAS DUE IN LARGE PART TO DISCOVERY OF MICROPHONE SYSTEM IN AMEMBASSY MOSCOW. IN THE MID-1960'S SEABEES WERE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN "PROJECT DEMO" WHICH NECESSITATED DEMOLITION OF MANY OFFICES WITHIN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN EMBASSIES.

2. TO PREVENT FUTURE CLANDESTINE INSTALLATIONS IT WAS CLEAR THAT ALL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION WITHIN SENSITIVE AREAS OF FOREIGN FACILITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE PERFORMED OR VERY CLOSELY OBSERVED BY CLEARED AMERICAN PERSONNEL. SEABEES WERE THE LOGICAL CHOICE.

3. NAVAL SUPPORT UNIT STATE DEPARTMENT WAS ESTABLISHED
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IN JANUARY 1967. SINCE THEN, THE UNIT HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S SECURITY PROGRAM PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR A/SY, A/FBO AND OC.

4. AS A DIRECT RESULT OF COUNTERTERRORISM PROGRAM, SEABEE PROGRAM HAS EXPANDED. TODAY SEABEES SERVE IN RESIDENT

SEABEE POSITIONS, TECHNICAL SECURITY OPERATIONS WORLD-WIDE, THE VEHICLE ARMORING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, CONSTRUCTION SURVEILLANCE CAPACITIES, AND IN ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

5. SEABEES HAVE SUPPORTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT FROM THEIR TROUBLE SPOTS (BEIRUT, VIETNAM, CAMBODIA) UNDERTAKING SPECIALIZED PROJECTS (EXPANSION OF AFRICAN COMMUNICATIONS CENTERS - AFRECON), REACTING TO DISASTROUS FIRES (LIBREVILLE, MOSCOW) AND HELPING THE DEPARTMENT OPEN NEW POSTS (THE INTEREST SECTION IN HAVANA, THREE OF THE FIRST FIVE AMERICANS IN WERE SEABEES).

6. THE REMARKABLE ASPECT IS THAT ALL THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED WITH APPROXIMATELY 95 PEOPLE WITH A SELF-SUPPORTING STAFF OF FIVE. VANCE

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